

Enhanced Regulatory Outreach Program

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Date/Time:

Wednesday, February 13, 2013, 2:00 p.m.

Location:

**Maricopa County Environmental Services Department
Northern Regional Office Training Room
15023 N. 75th St., Scottsdale, AZ 85260**

The Maricopa County Environmental Services Department will host a Stakeholder Meeting to discuss a proposed new code revision to the Maricopa County Environmental Health Code. The subject matter to be discussed at the February 13th Stakeholder Meeting includes:

Case #/Title: ES-2013-001 / Experimental Food Service Permit

Overview: To align with Chairman Kunasek's vision of "adaptive reuse", the Department is proposing the creation of a new food service permit that may accommodate food service establishment design concepts not specifically allowed for by Maricopa County Environmental Health Code regulations.

- The 2009 FDA Food Code allows for modifications and waivers but does not define their application to specific items.
- The new permit type, with a working title of 'Experimental Permit', would allow a prospective restaurant owner the option to submit their drawings and management plan addressing any food safety and sanitation hazards not in line with regulations as a result of the establishment's unique or novel layout.
- Unique items covered by the permit would be limited to facilities, such as equipment and structure.
- The permit would have a limited duration.
- If the applicant is able to demonstrate sufficient control of any potential hazards during the life of the experimental permit, the business would transfer into a standard food service permit.
- If control of the hazards is not met, then the owner will close the business and reapply for a standard food service permit in line with all code regulations.
- Maricopa County Environmental Services will work closely with industry and stakeholders to refine this conceptual permit.

Additional information about this proposed revision and the current Maricopa County Environmental Services Department Health Code are available at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/>. Also, you may submit comments at: <http://www.maricopa.gov/regulations/comments.aspx>.

Thank you for your participation.